FOURTH REPORT

OF THE

BRADFORD QUARTERLY

CONFERENCE,

OF THE

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST,

OF

LATTER DAY SAINTS,

HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM, SUN BRIDGE, BRADFORD.

JANUARY 24TH & 25TH, 1852.

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REPORT.

On Saturday Evening, January 24th, 1852, the Travelling Elders, Presidents of Branches, and other office bearers of the Bradford Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met in Council, in their Meeting Room, Butterworth's Buildings, Bradford.

The Meeting was opened at about twenty minutes to eight o'clock, p.m. by singing the hymn commencing "Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning;" prayer by President Menzies.

The representation of the Branches were then called for and handed in as recorded on the table of representations, after which the

THE FOLLOWING IS A TABLE OF THE NUMBERS AND STANDING OF EACH BRANCH IN THE BRADFORD CONFERENCE.

No.	Names of Branches.	Names of Presidents.	Elders.	Priests.	Teachers	Deacons.	Members	Total	Baptized	Recd. in.	Recd. out	Remd. in	Rem. out	Scatter'd	Emigrad	Cut Off.	Dead.	Amount due for books to the General Agents.			Donations to the Perpetual Emigration Fund		
																		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Bradford....	Menzies.....	18	21	21	5	285	317	6	2	1	3	4	1	1		1	5	1	10	0	15	0
2	Leeds.....	Horton	9	16	11	3	171	210	6		3					1		12	3	1½	6	6	6½
3	Idle.....	Watson	3	4	1	1	25	34						3		1	1	0	17	5			
4	Huddersfld..	Wogden ...	1	5	4	2	13	25			1	2				1		4	4	11¼	0	7	8
5	Halifax	Hartley	5	5	2	1	25	38	10				1	1				4	1	3½	0	8	0
6	Wakefield ..	Hartley	8	9	4	1	60	82	4			1		2				7	15	4			
7	Rodley	O'Brien	2	2			3	7										0	5	6			
8	Drighlington	Hepworth ..	1	1			12	14													0	5	0
9	York	Heaton.....	1	3		1	18	23	2				1	9	2	1		3	7	10½			
10	Tadcaster ..	Spink.....	1			1	6	8	2														
11	Horsforth ..	Hillam.....	1	1	1		4	7													0	2	6
12	Clayton	Hartley	2		1	1	9	13	1									1	7	4½			
13	Bingley	Lord.....	2	1	1		8	12										0	17	3½			
14	Wilsden....	Wade.....	1	1		1	9	12		1								0	17	7½	0	6	0
15	Wheldrake...	Beilby.....	1	1			11	13				1		1									
16	Ellerton.....	Young	1	2	2	1	15	21	2					1									
17	Otley	Brear.....		3			12	15		2													
18	Knaresbro'...	Newton	1	1	1	1	9	13	4					1				2	6	9½			
19	QueensHead	Noble.....	1	1	1	1	11	15	5									0	19	0½			
	TravellingE.	.....																2	2	0			
			59	77	50	20	673	879	42	5	5	7	6	19	3	4	2	47	3	8½	3	19	5½

Donation to the Perpetual Emigration Fund left on Hand Last Quarter, 8s. 9d.

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President rose and laid before the Meeting a letter he had received from Elder G. B. Wallace some time before, desiring the Saints in this Conference to raise £10 to assist the Irish Mission; he stated that he had authorised the General Book Agent to make it known, but he did not know if the agent had done so or not, as he had only received two shillings towards it, he also stated that at a Special Conference held in London, last summer, it was resolved to raise the bodies of the three American Elders, Barnes, Burton, and Flanigan, who had died while on a mission to this country, and send them home to Zion and their friends, as this could not be done without great expense, it was agreed that the various Conferences should contribute to defray it, and Elder Menzies said he had promised £13 in the name of the Conference, some of the Branches had commenced to raise something towards the £13, others had not, it was therefore resolved that each Branch do a part towards raising this £13, and that it be remitted to Joseph Beecroft, Little Horton, Bradford, Yorkshire, by the 21st of February. The President next called the attention of the Meeting to another letter sent by President F. D. Richards, stating that the first Presidency in Zion desired the British Saints to raise a sum of money to build a Temple to the Lord in the Valley, and the proportion falling to our lot, according to our numbers, is £65; President Menzies stated that the money was wanted to be raised in twelve months, by quarterly installments, the first to be raised and forwarded to the *Star Office*, Liverpool, by the 1st of April. The principal object he had in calling the Conference Meeting sooner than was expected was, to give the Saints all the time possible to carry out this most desireable object. The brethren being called upon to speak their feelings as to the best method of raising the required sum, several of the Travelling Elders and Branch Presidents did so, one or two seemed at first to fear that little could be done in their branches; Elder Menzies then shewed that the matter depended most on the faith and energy with which the Presidents and Councils of Branches engaged in raising it, he further stated, that according to his calculation that one shilling and sixpence halfpenny from each member in the Conference would amount to fully the sum required, the question looked at in this way seemed light indeed when compared with the greatness of the object in view, viz: to build a Temple wherein we might receive our endowments. To persons with large families, who are not bringing in anything for their support it might be rather heavy, but let the young men and women, and those who are possessed of more of this world's goods contribute more liberally, and then it will be more easy upon all, let all the office-bearers be diligent in teaching the Saints the necessity of carrying out the instructions of the first Presidency as contained in the *Star*, let them be taught that those who desire to receive the blessings of the Temple must first help to build it, after a few more remarks all seemed to drink into the spirit of the good work, and seemed satisfied that it would be no difficult matter to raise the required sum,

It was therefore Resolved—That the Council of each Branch exert themselves by their public and private teaching, and also by their example, to raise, according to their numbers, a full proportion of the

sixty-five pounds to be taken up from the Members and forwarded to a Treasurer appointed to receive it, once a quarter, the first to be sent in by the last week in March.

Resolved—That Elder Benjamin Beevers be Treasurer, and Joseph Horton, Secretary, for the Temple Fund; all communications to them to be addressed to Joseph Horton, Telegraph Office, Wellington Station, Leeds.

The account of the General Book and Star Agent had not been audited, because many of the sub-agents had not sent in a statement of the condition of their books, and some who had sent a statement, had not sent a satisfactory one. In order that this might not take place again,

It was resolved,—That Brother J. Taylor, the Conference Book Agent should be instructed to get some accounts printed, requiring only to be filled up by the sub-agents, and that he send one to each branch to be returned to him filled up for the inspection of the auditors of his books, that his accounts and the general state of the Book Agency may be hereafter satisfactorily represented to the Conference.

That the Travelling Elders may be sufficiently supplied with tracts, &c.

It was Resolved.—That the first Sunday in April be observed as a day of fasting and prayer, for the success of the work in this conference; and that collections be taken up as the Council of each Branch shall consider best; and that the money thus collected be forwarded to Brother Robert Helliwell, 2, Croft Buildings, Water Lane, Leeds.

The Baptismal Certificates now in use not agreeing with items required for the records,

It was resolved,—That we have two thousand of a proper kind printed for the use of this conference, corresponding with the record books.

Elder Menzies then said—To preserve order, every branch must have a Secretary to keep its records, and when an elder or priest has baptized a person, he must record it on one of the certificates, filling up all the items required, so far as information can be had. Let this be given or sent to the President of Meeting previous to confirmation; from him, (if all is correct), let it be handed to the Secretary, so that he may write down by whom confirmed, and then it will be ready for insertion in the record. I would say, do not confirm any one till this Certificate is sent in properly filled up, and having the persons' present address on the back, so that it may at once be entered into the teachers' books for visitation.

The President then said,—Some of the saints have rather a mistaken notion with regard to my support and that of my family in this conference: some have got an idea that all the branches in the conference made collections for the support of my family, but it is a mistake, the only branches that do so being those in Bradford and Leeds, and that is done once a fortnight. Some of the branches do not even pay my travelling expenses, either by collection or by private means, and there is no branch that has any plan on foot for doing so. I wish the saints to know exactly how I am sustained: I will, therefore, move that every branch give an account of what they have done towards the support of my family, and I will keep an account of my outlay, so that

all may be open to those who wish to know.—Seconded and carried.

Resolved also,—That the Presidents bring in with their next representations, an account of the Temple, Emigration, and Fast Funds, also how much has been donated to assist the Irish mission, and raise the bodies of Elders Barnes, &c.

Resolved,—That the collections be taken up during the Sunday Meetings, and that Elders R. O. Menzies, E. Milnes, J. Horton, and Noble, should dispose of it as necessity may require.

Elder Menzies here remarked,—The saints need not be afraid of giving me thirty or forty pounds more than I need for my family, for if they do, I can find plenty of good to do with it, if I happen to see some of the travelling elders in want of a coat, hat, trowsers, boots, or any other thing I will willingly supply them. I have been thinking, during the last quarter, that if any of these men stood in need of any thing, I would send to those who have little or no burdens on them to supply their needs. After a little conversation on this subject,

It was resolved,—That President Menzies may send to those branches he may think right, and get them to supply any of the travelling elders with any article of clothing they may stand in need of.

The meeting was closed with thanksgiving by Elder Milnes, at about a quarter past ten o'clock, p. m,

SUNDAY.

On Sunday morning, January 25th, the meeting was opened with singing and prayer by Elder Horton, after which it was moved by Elder E. Milnes, and seconded,—That Elder R. O. Menzies preside over this meeting of conference.—carried unanimously. It was then resolved,—That Elder Jonathan Midgley act as Clerk of this conference meeting, assisted by Elder W. Burton,

Elder Menzies rose and made some remarks, in substance as follows, Beloved saints,—I am happy to behold so many of your countenances. this morning, and to engage with you in devising means for the future prosperity of the work of God in this conference. In doing so, let me exhort you to unity in all things, and when you vote do so with the firm resolve to carry out with your influence, power, and energy, the things voted for. We are too apt to forget what we vote for at conference, and therefore I take this opportunity of stirring up your minds by way of remembrance: let every one present, whether brother or sister, feel interested in all the proceedings of this day, and consider it a part of their business upon which depend their future prospects in the kingdom of God. I have two or three things to speak upon, one thing in particular is with respect to the perpetual Emigration Fund; I am not satisfied that we have done as much as we might for this fund: many of the branches have not done anything. I would feel ashamed to look at the reports and see a blank opposite the branch I belonged to on the Emigration Fund column. I would counsel all those who do see the probability of taking themselves out to the Valley, to cast in all their overplus money into this fund, and to those who can save what will take them, I would say,—you have no right to go without doing what you can to assist out the poor who are left behind, and those who do so will not have the blessing of the Lord.

I would also counsel all the saints to give up smoking, snuffing, tea drinking, &c., and appropriate the savings from that source to this fund, and the Lord will greatly bless them, besides they shall have the blessings of thousands of the Lord's poor upon them. I wish all the branches that have not taken a part in this matter to commence forthwith, and those who have commenced to exert themselves still further, and let them send in the names of their treasurers to J. Beecroft, that they may be forwarded to Liverpool, according to the instructions contained in the *Star*.

The representation of branches was then read by the Clerk after which most of the motions passed the night before were presented to the conference, and unanimously carried.

The following alterations and nominations were then made,

Bradford Branch.—As Elder Edward Milnes, president of the Bradford Branch was going away to Zion, the Bradford Council had voted that he should not only have the Elder's certificate, but also a written recommendation from the branch. The President read the letter of recommendation to the conference. He remarked,—"It is not because it is exactly connected with the conference that I have read it, but it is a proper place to put it here, as we are going to have another president in his place." Elder Milnes having expressed his approval of the letter,

It was resolved,—That this letter of recommendation be given to Brother Milnes, on leaving this conference to go to Zion.

The Bradford Council had agreed that no member of the Bradford Council should be appointed to preside at present, but that Elder Menzies should be president for the time being, Resolved,—That Elder Menzies be the president of the Bradford branch for the time being.

Resolved,—That Henry Milnes, Priest, receive the office of Elder.

Resolved,—That Joseph Burrows, Priest, receive the office of Elder.

Clayton Branch.—The President said,—"Brother Thomas Child is the president of the Clayton branch, and at the same time a member of the Bradford Council. In the Bradford Council we agreed to give him a letter of recommendation, seeing he is going to the land of Zion. The President read the letter and it was

Resolved,—That this letter of recommendation be given to Brother Child, on his departure to the land of Zion.

Resolved,—That Elder Joseph Hartley be the President of the Clayton Branch.

Wheldrake Branch.—Resolved,—That William Beilby receive the office of Teacher.

Otley Branch.—Resolved,—That Jonathan Breare, Priest, receive the office of Elder, and that Jonathan Cooke receive the office of teacher.

Huddersfield Branch.—As the President of the Huddersfield Branch had been cut off, it was resolved,—That John Wogden, Priest, receive the office of Elder, and preside over the Huddersfield Branch.

Resolved,—That Samuel Sykes, Deacon, receive the office of Priest.

As Elder John Lord is removing from the Bingley Branch, it was

Resolved,—That Elder James Dinsdale, of the Bradford Council, preside over the Bingley Branch.

A unanimous vote of confidence was taken in all the authorities of the Church, as follows :—

Resolved,—That we uphold and sustain Brigham Young as the President of the Church of Jesus Christ, of Latter Day Saints in all the world, and Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards as his counsellors.

Resolved,—That we sustain the twelve Apostles, namely, Orson Hyde, P. P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, with Orson Hyde as their president, as the Travelling High Council in all the world.

Resolved,—That we sustain Franklin D. Richards as the President of the British Isles, and G. B. Wallace and L. Richards as his counsellors.

Resolved,—That we uphold and sustain Robert O. Menzies as the President of this conference, by our faith, prayers, and every thing that is necessary.

Resolved, That we sustain all the officers in their places according to their appointments, the presiding Bishop and the Bishopric, the High Council in Zion, the Patriarchs and all in authority in the church.

AFTERNOON.

The Meeting was opened with singing the 252 Hymn, at six minutes past two o'clock, p.m., prayer by Elder William Heaton.

President Menzies introduced the subject of Building the Temple of the Lord, and made some appropriate remarks, he said there are many subjects of no interest to the world in general, which to the Saints are of great importance, one of these subjects is the building of a house where the Lord might dwell: some people imagine that God dwelleth not in Temples made with hands, but they forget that the Lord commanded his people Israel to build him a house where he might dwell, and that it was in that house that the ordinances were administered and the power of the Priesthood displayed; the name of the Lord was in it, and it was there the Lord revealed his mind and will from between the two cherubims; in this house the sacred and holy things were kept, and if we want to know God and learn his will more perfectly, we must build him a house. We think we know a good deal, but we do not know the name of the Lord, or how to pray to him: the disciples of Jesus said "Teach us how to pray," and, I presume, we also need to be taught; for instance, when the Lord called upon Samuel, he replied, "Here am I, Lord," thinking it was Eli who was calling; so he went to the old man of God, and he having the Priesthood upon him, instructed Samuel; what then did he say—he taught him a form of words which would at once insure an answer from them; he told Samuel that if called upon again he should say, "Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth." There is not such a great difference in the words used, yet it seemed necessary, for when the Lord next called "Samuel, Samuel," he gave the reply he was taught by Eli, and the consequence was the Lord revealed himself to him; again, when Moses was called he asked the Lord how the Elders of Israel would know that God had sent him, was he told to work a miracle to prove it, no, but saith the Lord, go tell them, "I am that I am, hath sent thee" this seems rather a strange name, yet it seemed to be a name by which he was known amongst the Elders of Israel, and a safeguard against imposters. There are signs and means to be learned by which we may approach unto God acceptably, and have revelation; these are but a few of the blessings to be obtained through the Temple, the ordinances for our dead must be administered there, and it is there there alone we can receive our endowments; if, then, we prize these blessings, let us rise up in our strength, and prove so by our works, in contributing liberally to raise up a temple to the Lord.

The President further said, last quarter it was agreed that we should keep proper records in all the Branches of this Conference. These Record Books are now on hand, and the Presidents of Branches may have them on application. The Branches must pay for them as soon as possible. The General Book and Star Agent will receive the money for them; his address is John Taylor, Villier's Street, Lister hills,

Bradford. As early as possible we will have one or two thousand Certificates printed, and, I think the best way will be for a Certificate to be given to every Member, and for each to fill it up, and when filled up to present it to the President of the Branch, who should hand it to the Recorder: this will be the easiest way of beginning to keep the records of this Conference properly.

Addresses were delivered by Elder Milnes and Child, expressive of their faith in this work, and determinations to assist with all their powers of body and mind to roll it on according to their best wisdom and abilities.

The number of officers present was 35 Elders, 37 Priests, 28 Teachers, and 9 Deacons.

Just before the meeting closed, Elder Milnes arose and said, "I just want to tell you your fortunes before I go. Now you that will attend to the counsel given by the men that preside over you, in all things, will get celestial glory, and you that neglect to do that will have to go through't mill again."

The meeting was dismissed with thanksgiving by Elder Horton, at ten minutes past four o'clock, p. m.

EVENING.

At six o'clock, p.m. the Meeting was opened with singing the hymn commencing "God moves in a mysterious way;" prayer, by Elder Burton.

Elder John Bailey, who will accompany Elders Milnes and Child to the land of Zion, was introduced to the Meeting by the President; Elder Bailey bore his testimony to the truth of this work, and expressed his resolution to abide the law of this Church in all things.

Elder Menzies delivered an address in which he showed the prophecies of scripture which speak about a Temple or a house of the Lord being reared in the Last Days. He showed the necessity of immediate Revelation, from the fact that no person without it can tell when this Temple shall be built, where it shall be built, and how it shall be built, in order that the Saints may receive their washings, anointings, and endowments, and may be prepared for the second Advent of the Messiah.

The President moved that the Travelling Elders, J. Midgley, W. Heaton, W. Burton, H. Hartley, and J. Peel, should continue to labour as they have been carried.

The President requested the Presidents of Branches to appoint a Secretary and Treasurer for the Temple Fund, and to commence immediately to raise it. He said, "Give your visiting officers power to gather the monies when they visit the saints. Get the names of the members who give any thing, and record how much each gives, and let the visiting officers give an account of these things in your councils.

Moved by the President,—That this Conference adjourn until Sunday, the 9th of May.—Carried.

The next Conference will be held in the Latter Day Saints' Meeting Room, South Market, Leeds. A Council Meeting will be held in the before-mentioned place, of the travelling Elders, Presidents of branches, and other Officers, to commence at half-past seven o'clock p.m., on Saturday evening.

The meeting was closed with thanksgiving at six minutes to eight o'clock, p. m.

A collection was taken up at the close of each meeting.

A vote of thanks was given to the friends who during the day had assisted the choir.

All the meetings during the day were well attended, that in the evening was thronged, and many persons had to return who could not gain admittance. A unanimity of feeling characterized the proceedings of the day, and the saints separated with cheerful countenances, having enjoyed themselved very much during the day.

ROBERT O. MENZIES, PRESIDENT.
JONATHAN MIDGLEY, } CLERKS.
WILLIAM BURTON, }

A Balance Sheet of the General Book Agent's Accounts for the Bradford Conference, from November 7th, 1851, to February 5th, 1852.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£.	s.	d.
Indebted the Office last Quar.	75	16	7½	Bro. Taylor, Stock on Hand..	34	18	1
To Goods from Office this Quarter....	33	11	9	Branch Debts.....	47	13	8½
				Total	82	11	9½
Total.....	109	8	4½	Office Debts	82	8	4½
Paid at different times	27	0	0				
Indebted the Office.....	82	8	4½	Dr. to Bro. Taylor.....	0	3	5

Auditors—Joseph Bean and Thomas Hanson.

The Perpetual Emigration Fund Money.

	£	s.	d.
Received up to Dec. 31st, 1851, by Barker Child	3	19	5½
Paid to Liverpool, by Joseph Beecroft, January 3rd, 1852.....	3	19	6
Due to Secretary	0	0	0½

SONG OF ZION.

There is a land beyond the Sea,
Where I hope soon to be,
And dearer far than all the rest,
Is that choice land to me;
My longing eyes would fain behold,
Those beautious hills that are so fair;
I know it is the promised land,
My home, my home, is there.

A captive exile long I've been,
Half worn with toil and care,
But still my heart throbs with delight,
To think I shall be there;
Upon these everlasting hills
With Abraham, and his seed to share;
I know it is the promised land,
My home, my home, is there.

We'll bid adieu, to mobs and strife,
And all that they can do;
To milder climes, we'll soon repair,
For there I'm bound to go,
And there we'll sing in joyful strains,
Adieu, adieu, oppressions care;
I know it is the promised land,
My home, my home, is there.

That happy day, I long to see,
When Zion shall be free,
When all her children shall rejoice,
And I among them be;
With kindred spirits long to dwell,
Each others love and joy to share,
We'll praise and sing, hail Zion's King,
And dwell for ever there.

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